

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK
FEBRUARY 4 – 8, 2013**

- WHEREAS:** Each year Clayton County citizens face the threat of severe weather events such as lightning, thunderstorms, floods, flash floods, hailstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes, all potentially dangerous to life, health and property; and
- WHEREAS:** In recent years Georgia has experienced record flooding, tornados and wildfires with urbanization and population growth increasing the potential for these storms to cause death and destruction; and
- WHEREAS:** Severe weather events in Georgia have killed at least 352 people, including two in 2012, injured countless others, and caused substantial property damage in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** It is vital that effective public education programs concerning severe weather systems and preparedness procedures continue for the benefit of all Clayton County Citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, National Weather Service, Clayton County Police, Clayton County Sheriff's Office, Clayton County Health Department, Clayton County Board of Education, Clayton County Library System, Red Cross, Cities of Jonesboro, Morrow, Lake City, Lovejoy and Riverdale, Clayton News Daily and Clayton Amateur Radio Emergency Services are committed to continuing efforts to inform citizens on safety and severe weather preparedness procedures so they may better protect themselves, their families, neighbors and their communities; now
- THEREFORE:** I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of February 4 - 8, 2013, as "SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK" in Clayton County, Georgia. I encourage all citizens to become more aware of severe weather safety measures and to participate in the various awareness programs scheduled during the week:

February 4 th	Family Preparedness Day/NOAA Weather Radio
February 5 th	Thunderstorm Safety
February 6 th	Tornado Safety (Statewide Drill)
February 7 th	Lightning Safety
February 8 th	Flooding (Drill Back-up Day)

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia to be affixed this 5th day of February in the year two thousand thirteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman